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Attorney Docket No. 60,130-930

First Inventor or Application Identifier Melekian, Joseph, et al

Title A METHOD FOR WELDING AN AXLE HOUSING

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 11]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
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 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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| 105 | 130 | 205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
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| 139 | 130 | 139 130 Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 195 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 445 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 155 Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 135 Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 220 Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 300 Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 50 Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 240 | 126 240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
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| 146 | 710 | 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
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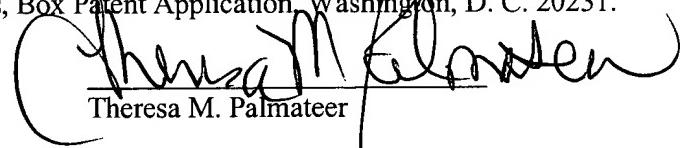
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